Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 919 - 08241 - 1126 - 252 | Date: 04/22/2019 | Time: 1826

Location: [redacted] 11th Street West | City or Station: Palmdale

Bureau/Station/Facility: North Patrol Division / Palmdale Station | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Control Holds / Takedown / Resisted Handcuffing / Personal Weapons (Punch)

Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3 | Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☐ Call ☒ Observation ☐ Detail ☐ Foot Pursuit ☒ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Lt. Robert L. Jones II | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: Schaafsma | First Name: Christopher | Middle I.: D. | Rank: DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: W | Height: 5'08 | Weight: 180 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 263

Individual Force Used: Control Holds, Takedown, Resisted Handcuffing | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ○2 ◉3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

E2

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | Middle I.: | Rank: B-1

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: 5'08 | Weight: 180 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 263

Individual Force Used: Control Holds, Personal Weapons (Punch) | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank

Sex: ○ M ○ F | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM | ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

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☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name: Austin | First Name: Maurice | Middle I.: A. | Rank: SGT | Present: YES ◉ NO ○ | Witness to Incident: YES ◉ NO ○

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name: Carr | First Name: Dustin | Middle I.: A. | Rank: SGT | Present: YES ○ NO ◉ | Witness to Incident: YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name: Cartmill | First Name: Richard | Middle I.: J. | Rank: LT

Lieutenant David Grall — 12/18/19

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature** | Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

DISCOVERY Use Only

FO#

☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Rodriguez | First Name: Vanessa | Middle Name: | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ◉ Female | Race: H | Age: 34 | Height: 5'03 | Weight: 140 | D.O.B: 11/15/84 | Phone #1: ◉ H ○ W ○ C [redacted] | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C [redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5607933 | Primary Charge Code: 2800.2(a) V.C. | Secondary Charge Code: 69 P.C. | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO | Name: Los Angeles County Fire | Unit: 24 | Phone #: 661-273-2724

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: Palmdale Regional M.C. | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Kevin Chamas, M.D. | Address: 38600 Medical Center Drive, Palmdale | Phone #: 661-382-5000

Under Influence: ◉ YES ○ NO | Substance: CNS Stimulant | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ◉ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 04/22/19 | Time: 1910 | ☒ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☒ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Garay	Robert	A.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Lancaster Station	112G	○ EM ○ Day (•) PM	(•) Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Harris	Tanner	J.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Lancaster Station	111A	○ EM ○ Day (•) PM	(•) Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Coberg	Michael	D.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Aero Bureau	Air-29	○ EM ○ Day PM	(•) Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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☐ Additional Witness

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Rodriguez	S#1	Schaafsma	E#1	HR	NN	NN
Rodriguez	S#1	Schaafsma	E#1	RS	NN	NN
Rodriguez	S#1	[redacted]	E#2	PH	CP	GE
Schaafsma	E#1	Rodriguez	S#1	CT	NN	AR
Schaafsma	E#1	Rodriguez	S#1	TD	FR	AR
Schaafsma	E#1	Rodriguez	S#1	CT	NN	BK
[redacted]	E#2	Rodriguez	S#1	PH	CP	FA
[redacted]	E#2	Rodriguez	S#1	CT	NN	AR
[redacted]	E#2	Rodriguez	S#1	CT	NN	BK

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Vehicle Pursuit and Category 3 Use of Force, Fractured Elbow**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO 2481328**
URN#:	**919-08241-1126-252**
DATE/TIME:	**April 22, 2019 / 1805 Hours**
LOCATION:	**[redacted] 11th Street West, Palmdale**

SYNOPSIS:

On April 22, 2019, Deputies Garay and Granados pursued Suspect Rodriguez after observing erratic driving behavior consistent with a reckless driver under the influence of a drugs or alcohol. The pursuit was terminated by Lieutenant Cartmill, the watch commander. The pursuit transitioned into surveillance mode with Unit Air-29 following the suspect from overhead. Surveillance mode terminated when Suspect Rodriguez fled on foot from her vehicle and into the backyard of [redacted] 11th Street West in Palmdale. Deputies were guided into the backyard by Unit Air 29, Deputy Coberg, the tactical flight deputy. Suspect Rodriguez was taken down to the ground by deputies and handcuffed. Suspect Rodriguez was transported to Palmdale Regional Medical Center for treatment, where she was diagnosed with a fractured right elbow.

SUMMARY:

On April 22, 2019, Deputies Garay and Granados were working Unit 112G. Deputy Garay was driving, and Deputy Granados was the passenger. While patrolling a shopping center in the area of 20th Street West and Avenue J, Deputies Garay and Granados saw the suspect vehicle exiting the parking lot of 44201 20th Street West onto southbound 20th Street West. Suspect Rodriguez failed to stop at a red light on 20th Street West and the entrance to the Home Depot parking lot (44226 20th Street West, Lancaster). As Suspect Rodriguez continued south on 20th Street West, she ran an additional red light and eventually drove onto the right shoulder passing alongside a row of vehicles stopped at a red light.

Deputy Garay saw Suspect Rodriguez run another red light at Avenue J-12 and watched the back end of the suspect vehicle fishtail, as it turned right onto westbound Avenue J-13. Once on Avenue J-13, Deputies Garay and Granados activated their forward facing red lights and siren to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle. Suspect Rodriguez did not pull over. Deputy Garay believed, based on Suspect Rodriguez' driving behavior, she was driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and he feared for the safety of the public and initiated a pursuit. Deputy Granados broadcasted the pursuit over Dispatch 15 via her handheld radio.

IAB NOTE: Dispatch 15 is the radio frequency used by Lancaster and Palmdale Sheriff's Station deputies to broadcast radio traffic.

Deputies Garay and Granados followed Suspect Rodriguez as she turned onto northbound 21st Street West from Avenue J-13 then onto westbound Avenue J-12, and southbound onto 22nd Street West. After failing to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of 22nd Street West and Avenue K-8, Suspect Rodriguez continued onto westbound Avenue K. Suspect Rodriguez turned onto southbound 25th Street West and then onto westbound Avenue L. She failed to stop at a red traffic signal at the intersection of 30th Street West and Avenue L before turning onto northbound Tumblewood Way, entering a residential neighborhood. At this point, Unit 112K, Deputy Acquilano joined the pursuit and took over the emergent radio broadcast. Suspect Rodriguez continued on Tumblewood Way as it curved around and transitioned to northbound Lemonwood Drive. Lieutenant Cartmill, the on-duty watch commander, terminated the pursuit after Suspect Rodriguez' speed exceeded fifty miles per hour in a residential neighborhood. During the pursuit, Suspect Rodriguez ran stop signs, drove in opposing lanes of traffic, and exceeded the speed limit.

Deputies Coberg and Dailey, working Unit Air-29, arrived after the pursuit ended and started tracking the suspect vehicle. At the direction of Lieutenant Cartmill, surveillance mode was initiated. Deputy Coberg took over the radio broadcast and Air-29 followed Suspect Rodriguez into the Quartz Hill area. She continued her erratic driving, making her way through neighborhoods and on many occasions coming close to colliding with other vehicles. Suspect Rodriguez dropped off a passenger, Joanne Allen, in the area of 43rd Street West and Avenue K-12. Allen was contacted by Deputies Justice and Ruiz. She was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, and arrested **[Refer to URN: 919-08243-1152-185, Miscellaneous Documents]**.

At one point, Suspect Rodriguez almost collided head-on with Deputy Acquilano, who inadvertently crossed her path. Suspect Rodriguez continued south, entering the city of Palmdale, where she parked in front of [redacted] 10th Street West and fled from her vehicle. She ran into the backyard of [redacted] 10th Street West and attempted to climb over a chain-link fence.

Palmdale Deputies [redacted] and Schaafsma working Unit 263 arrived at [redacted] 10th Street West after hearing Deputy Coberg's radio traffic. They entered the backyard with the radio guidance of Deputy Coberg and found Suspect Rodriguez trying to climb the chain-link fence. Deputies Schaafsma and [redacted] ran across the yard toward Suspect Rodriguez. Deputy Schaafsma was the first to approach Suspect Rodriguez. She would not follow his orders to get on the ground and let go of the fence. Deputy Schaafsma grabbed Suspect Rodriguez' arms and pulled her off of the fence. Suspect Rodriguez tried to lunge forward and pull away from Deputy Schaafsma. Deputy Schaafsma twisted his body to the left and applied downward force on Suspect Rodriguez' arms, taking her down to the ground. While on the ground, Suspect Rodriguez swung her left arm around and refused to be handcuffed. She slapped Deputy [redacted] in the groin with and open hand and grabbed his genitals. Deputy [redacted] punched Suspect Rodriguez once, in the face, to stop her attack. Deputies Schaafsma and [redacted] were able to use control techniques to handcuff Suspect Rodriguez and take her into custody. Unit 111T1, Deputy Claudia Herrera, #[redacted] responded and conducted the DUI (driving under the influence) investigation.

Suspect Rodriguez was taken for medical treatment at Palmdale Regional Medical Center. She was diagnosed with a "chip fracture" to the right elbow. Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant Robert Jones, #[redacted] was notified and responded. IAB Sergeants Dustin Carr and Calvin Mah, #[redacted] also responded and collected all relevant reports **[EXHIBIT A]**. Lieutenant Cartmill authored a County of Los Angeles, Sheriff's Department, Pursuit Evaluation Form Additionally, in conjunction with the deputies involved in the pursuit, Lieutenant Cartmill produced a map, outlining the pursuit route **[EXHIBIT B]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] **Deputy Sheriff, #**[redacted]
North Patrol Division – Palmdale Station

Work History
Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date Assigned to Palmdale Station: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [redacted]



Equipment Worn On Person
Duty Weapon
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Expandable Baton
Handcuffs
Portable Radio

Christopher Schaafsma, Deputy Sheriff, [redacted]
North Patrol Division – Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	March 10, 2016
Date Assigned to Palmdale Station:	March 31, 2019
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person
Duty Weapon
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Expandable Baton
Handcuffs
Portable Radio

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Vanessa Rodriguez
Female, Hispanic, DOB: November 15, 1984, 5'03", 140 pounds
[redacted]
CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

The report from Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) **[Miscellaneous Documents]** showed Suspect Rodriguez was convicted of:
[redacted]

WITNESSES

Sergeant Maurice Austin
Lieutenant Richard Cartmill
Deputy Tanner Harris
Deputy Michael Coberg
Deputy Kenneth Dailey
[redacted]

INJURIES

Suspect Vanessa Rodriguez

Suspect Rodriguez sustained a chip fracture to her right elbow and redness to the left side of her chin. The assigned IAB investigator responded to Palmdale Regional Medical Center and spoke to Dr. Kevin Chamas, the provider listed on Suspect Rodriguez' medical documentation. Dr. Chamas reviewed Suspect Rodriguez' medical file and stated the injury Suspect Rodriguez sustained was consistent with the force used by Deputies Rodriguez and Schaafsma. Dr. Chamas stated this type of fracture could not have been purposefully inflicted on Suspect Rodriguez. For further, see Suspect Rodriguez' medical paperwork **[EXHIBIT C]**.

No Department personnel were injured during this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Approximately thirteen hours elapsed between the time of the incident and the time of the assigned IAB investigator's observations. The area where the force occurred was the backyard of [redacted] 11th Street West, a single-story residence. The backyard consisted of sand, waist-high brown grass. The backyard was bordered by a chain-link fence on the north and south sides and a chain-link fence atop an approximately four foot cinderblock wall on the west side. The east side of the backyard was bordered by the house, as well as additional chain-link fencing. The brush in the area where the force incident occurred was matted down.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHS

IAB investigators searched the area for surveillance footage. None was found.

Sergeant Austin took several scene photographs. The assigned IAB investigator also took scene photographs. These photographs were combined into one exhibit and uploaded onto a CD-R **[EXHIBIT D]**.

RADIO TRAFFIC

Lancaster Station personnel and Air-29 utilized Dispatch 15 during the incident. The duration of the radio traffic is twenty-four minutes and forty-seven seconds. The radio traffic and the related recorded cold line phone call are contained on one CD-R **[EXHIBIT E]**. Below is the synopsis of radio transmissions. The time

noted in bold is the elapsed interval during the recording, not the actual time. The verbiage is a summary of what was said, unless quotations are used.

IAB NOTE: The "cold line" is an automatic ring circuit line answered by an SCC operator. It allows direct voice communication with SCC dispatchers.

00:35 – Unit 112 George (Deputy Granados) requested the patch.

00:40 – Unit 112 George (Deputy Granados) advised they were in pursuit of a reckless "DUI."

00:51 – Unit 112 George (Deputy Granados) advised the vehicle was a gray Volkswagen occupied by two females.

01:10 – Unit 112 George updated their location to 22nd Street West and Avenue K.

01:15 – Unit 112 George (Deputy Granados) updated their location to 25th Street West and Avenue K, advised the suspect vehicle was running stop signs and swerving in lanes.

01:30 – Unit 110 Sam responding.

01:52 – Unit 112 George (Deputy Granados) updated their location to 25th Street West and Avenue K-8, advised suspect vehicle ran another stop sign.

02:03 – Unit 112 George advised light traffic and updated speed to sixty miles per hour.

02:10 – Unit Air-29 advised they were two minutes away.

02:20 – Unit 112 George updated their location, westbound Avenue L from 25th Street West. Advised traffic was light, and speed was approximately sixty miles per hour.

02:49 – Unit 112 King joined the pursuit.

02:49 – Suspect vehicle was northbound on Tumblewood Way.

03:03 – Unit 112 King advised location northbound on Lemonwood Drive.

03:19 – Unit 112 King updated speed at fifty three miles per hour.

03:29 – Pursuit was cancelled by the watch commander.

03:51 – Air-29 arrived.

04:10 – Air-29 advised suspect vehicle was southbound on 35th Street West.

04:17 – Surveillance mode was authorized.

06:28 – Passenger exited the suspect vehicle on 43rd Street West and Avenue K-8.

07:20 – CHP was requested.

07:52 – Air- 29 advised Suspect vehicle was westbound on Avenue K, driving on the wrong side of the road.

08:14 – Air-29 requested units to re-engage in pursuit.

08:31 – Air-29 advised suspect vehicle was southbound on 50th Street West, speed was sixty five to seventy miles per hour.

08:51 – Unit 111 Henry (Deputy Ruiz) advised they were detaining the passenger.

09:02 – Air-29 advised the suspect vehicle was southbound on 52nd Street West, driving on the wrong side of the road.

09:17 – Air-29 advised the suspect vehicle ran a red light at 50th Street West and Avenue L

09:35 – Air-29 updated the suspect vehicle speed at eighty miles per hour.

09:42 – Unit 112 George (Deputy Garay) requested a unit with spike strips to respond.

10:48 – Air-29 advised they were low on fuel and requested units to re-engage in pursuit.

10:56 – Pursuit re-engagement denied by the watch commander.

11:21 – Air-29 advised the suspect vehicle drove head-on with Unit 112K.

11:40 – 112 King advised no contact was made with his vehicle.

12:00 – Air-29 confirmed no vehicles were involved in the pursuit.

12:30 – Air-29 advised suspect vehicle was eastbound on Avenue L-8, driving eighty miles per hour.

13:30 – Unit 112 George (Deputy Garay) requested a Palmdale unit with spike strips to respond.

13:48 – Air-29 advised suspect vehicle possibly collided with a vehicle on 30th Street West and Columbia Way.

14:01 – Unit 261 was responding with spike strips.

15:12 – Air-29 advised suspect vehicle ran a red light at 20th Street West and Avenue N.

17:44 – New recording starts.

18:47 – Air-29 advised suspect vehicle was southbound on 10th Street West from Rancho Vista Boulevard, driving on the wrong side of the road.

19:11 – Air-29 advised suspect vehicle was in the BestBuy shopping center and sped past pedestrians.

20:06 – Air-29 advised suspect vehicle entered a neighborhood on Yucca Tree Street and 11th Street West.

20:31 – Air-29 advised the suspect fled her vehicle.

20:51 – Air-29 advised the suspect was running through a backyard.

21:11 – Air-29 advised two deputies were making contact with the suspect.

21:20 – Air-29 advised additional deputies arrived.

21:36 – Air-29 advised, "Deps are good."

22:01 – Unit 266 arrived at the suspect vehicle.

22:05 – 112 George (Deputy Garay) advised the suspect was uncooperative and "kicking around."

22:39 – Unit 261 Sam arrived.

22:41 – Unit 113 Sam arrived.

23:01 – Unit 112 George (Deputy Garay) advised suspect was in handcuffs.

23:23 – Unit 266 advised the suspect vehicle was "clear."

24:19 – "Patch" was cleared at 1830 hours.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

None.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT RODRIGUEZ

None.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

Suspect Rodriguez was charged with Evading a Peace Officer with Disregard for Public Safety, 2800.2(a) C.V.C.; Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 245(a)(1) P.C.; and Obstructing a Peace Officer by Means of Force or Fear, 69 P.C. The preliminary hearing for this case is scheduled for January 06, 2020.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather on April 22, 2019, was clear and sunlight illuminated the area during the entirety of the incident.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

The photographs referenced during the IAB employee witness interviews and the IAB involved employee interviews were taken from Google Maps. The interview photographs are combined into one separate exhibit, **[EXHIBIT F]**.

EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN THE PURSUIT:

Deputy Robert Garay

On August 28, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Garay. The following is a summary of Deputy Garay's interview.

Deputy Garay was a witness to the force and was involved in the pursuit leading up to the use of force. Deputy Garay stated he was working Unit 112G with his partner, Deputy Granados. While patrolling a parking lot near 20th Street West

just north of the State Route 14, they saw the Suspect Rodriguez pull out of the parking lot and turn onto southbound 20th Street West. The suspect vehicle fishtailed and almost slid into a car; however, Suspect Rodriguez was able to gain control of the vehicle before a collision occurred. Suspect Rodriguez continued south on 20th Street driving on the shoulder and passing a row of stopped vehicles.

Deputy Garay continued watching Suspect Rodriguez as she drove forty to fifty miles per hour through a red light at 20th Street West and Avenue J-12. Suspect Rodriguez made an abrupt right turn onto westbound Avenue J-13. As she did, the back of her vehicle fishtailed. Suspect Rodriguez drove west on Avenue J-13 in opposing lanes of traffic. Deputy Garay was able to catch up to Suspect Rodriguez on Avenue J-13, just east of 21st Street West. Deputies Garay and Granados activated their lights; however, Suspect Rodriguez did not stop. It was Deputy Garay's belief, Suspect Rodriguez was driving under the influence of a drug or alcohol **[Refer to Deputy Garay's transcripts, page 7]**. Deputies Garay and Granados subsequently initiated a pursuit and Deputy Granados broadcasted the emergency radio traffic.

IAB NOTE: Using an aerial map provided during the interview, Deputy Garay indicated with a circle, the area where the pursuit began [EXHIBIT F, Garay, photo A].

During the pursuit, Suspect Rodriguez turned north onto 21st Street West, again, fishtailing. She continued onto westbound Avenue J-12, then south on 22nd Street West. This area was a residential neighborhood and Suspect Rodriguez drove at about thirty-five to forty miles per hour. From southbound 22nd Street West, Suspect Rodriguez turned onto westbound Avenue K, running a stop sign in the process, and subsequently traveled over all westbound lanes of traffic to make an abrupt left turn onto southbound 25th Street West. Suspect Rodriguez turned onto westbound Avenue L from 25th Street West. She continued to travel in the center lane of traffic. Prior to reaching 30th Street West, Suspect Rodriguez again, swerved across all westbound lanes of traffic to the right turn lane. She used the right turn lane to run a red light at 30th Street West and continued west on Avenue L. Suspect Rodriguez fishtailed as she turned north onto Tumblewood Way, entering a neighborhood. Tumblewood Way turned into Lemonwood Drive and, at this point, Deputy Acquilano joined the pursuit **[Refer to Deputy Garay's transcripts, page 11]**. When they reached the intersection of Lemonwood Drive and 32nd Street West, the watch commander terminated the pursuit. Deputy Garay immediately turned off his lights and siren and broadcasted Suspect Rodriguez' last seen direction. Deputies Garay and Granados stopped following Suspect Rodriguez.

IAB NOTE: Using an aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy Garay marked the area the pursuit terminated with a circle and the words "pursuit termination," EXHIBIT F, Garay photo B].

Air-29 obtained a visual on the suspect vehicle and began surveillance mode with the approval of the watch commander. Suspect Rodriguez drove through desert fields and at one point dropped off a passenger near 43rd Street West and Avenue K-8. The passenger was arrested by Deputies Ruiz and Justice. The suspect continued to the area of 50th Street West and Avenue L. Deputies Garay and Granados were near the area and the suspect vehicle passed them. At one point, Suspect Rodriguez was on 47th Street West and drove her vehicle directly at Deputy Acquilano's vehicle **[Refer to Deputy Garay's transcripts, page 15]**.

Suspect Rodriguez eventually drove into the Palmdale area and parked her vehicle at the intersection of 11th Street West and Avenue P-14. Suspect Rodriguez exited her vehicle and ran toward the backyard of [redacted] 11th Street West. Palmdale Deputies [redacted] and Schaafsma were guided by Air-29 to Suspect Rodriguez and made contact with her. Deputies Garay and Granados responded to [redacted] 11th Street West to assist in detaining Suspect Rodriguez.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Garay referred to Air-29 as Aero and "the helicopter" during his IAB interview.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Garay did not remember the address of the location the suspect was detained. He was able to identify the house and the area in a photo presented during his interview [EXHIBIT F, Garay photo C]

When Deputies Garay and Granados arrived at [redacted] 11th Street West, they exited their patrol vehicle and walked in a northwest direction into an adjacent backyard. Deputy Garay could see, through a chain-link fence, Deputies [redacted] and Schaafsma detaining Suspect Rodriguez. She was on the ground; however, Deputy Garay could only see the deputies' shirts as his view was obstructed by overgrown weeds **[Refer to Deputy Garay's transcripts, page 19]**. Deputy Garay saw Deputies [redacted] and Schaafsma holding Suspect Rodriguez on the ground by the upper portion of her arms; he could not remember what side each deputy was on **[Refer to Deputy Garay's transcripts, page 19]**. Deputy Garay climbed over the fence and was joined by Deputy Harris. Deputy Garay helped Suspect Rodriguez up off of the ground. He and Deputy Harris escorted Suspect Rodriguez to a patrol vehicle where she was searched by Deputy Herrera. During the escort, Deputy Garay could smell the odor of alcohol emitting from Suspect Rodriguez **[Refer to Deputy Garay's transcripts, page 21]**. Deputy Herrera administered field sobriety tests on

Suspect Rodriguez and informed Deputy Garay she would be writing her own report documenting the field sobriety test results.

> **IAB NOTE: Using an aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy Garay marked the approximate area Suspect Rodriguez was detained with a circle and the words "detention of suspect," EXHIBIT F, Garay photo D].**

Deputy Grace Granados

On August 28, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Granados. The following is a summary of Deputy Granados' interview.

Deputy Granados was Deputy Garay's radio car partner during the pursuit. She was not involved in, nor did she witness, the force incident. Deputy Granados stated she was working Unit 112G with Deputy Garay. Deputy Garay was driving, and she was the passenger. They were in the area of 20th Street West and Avenue K when she saw the suspect vehicle speeding on 20th Street West. The vehicle abruptly turned into a nearby shopping center, and then re-entered traffic causing a hazard. Deputies Granados and Garay tried to catch up to the suspect vehicle as it made an abrupt turn onto westbound Avenue J-8 entering a neighborhood, and failed to signal for the turn.

When Deputies Granados and Garay caught up to the suspect vehicle, they activated their emergency lights. Suspect Rodriguez failed to stop and Deputies Granados and Garay initiated a pursuit. Deputy Granados broadcasted the pursuit over the radio. Deputies Granados and Garay followed the suspect vehicle as it drove southbound on 21st Street West and eastbound on Avenue J-13. Deputy Granados did not remember the exact route of the pursuit **[Refer to Deputy Granados' transcripts, page 10]**. The pursuit was eventually terminated around Avenue K-8 and 35th Street West and lasted approximately three minutes.

> **IAB NOTE: Using an Aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy Granados marked the approximate location the pursuit was terminated with a circle, EXHIBIT F, Granados photo B].**

The pursuit was terminated by the watch commander and went into surveillance mode. Deputies Granados and Garay stopped following the vehicle and participated in surveillance mode. Air-29 broadcasted the location of the suspect vehicle. Surveillance mode traveled south toward Palmdale.
Eventually, she heard radio traffic indicating Suspect Rodriguez was running and she assumed Palmdale deputies were in foot pursuit. This assumption was based on the radio traffic she heard. Deputies Granados and Garay drove to

[redacted] 11th Street West, the location Suspect Rodriguez was seen running. They parked and both exited their radio car. Deputy Garay climbed over a fence and entered the property while Deputy Granados remained at the front of the residence. Deputy Granados heard the deputies were "Code-4" and they had Suspect Rodriguez in custody **[Refer to Deputy Granados' transcripts, page 20]**.

> **IAB NOTE: Deputy Granados referred to Air 29 as "Aero" during her IAB interview.**

> **IAB NOTE: Code-4 is a radio code used by the law enforcement to alert responding units, "No further assistance is needed."**

Deputy Granados contacted Suspect Rodriguez at a patrol vehicle. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Schaafsma were with Suspect Rodriguez at the time. She conducted a pat down search of Suspect Rodriguez. Suspect Rodriguez was cooperative with her at the time. Suspect Rodriguez said her arm hurt. Fire department personnel were subsequently requested to treat Suspect Rodriguez. Deputy Herrera responded to conduct field sobriety tests on Suspect Rodriguez.

Deputy Daniel Acquilano

On August 28, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Daniel Acquilano. The following is a summary of Deputy Acquilano's interview.

Deputy Acquilano was involved in the vehicle pursuit. He was not involved in, nor did he witness the force. Deputy Acquilano stated he was near 40th Street West and Avenue L when he heard emergent radio traffic regarding a pursuit. Deputy Acquilano drove east on Avenue L and saw the suspect vehicle traveling west, toward him. Suspect Rodriguez suddenly turned onto Tumblewood Drive. Deputy Acquilano opined Suspect Rodriguez saw him responding from the opposite direction which prompted her to turn **[Refer to Deputy Acquilano's transcripts, page 5]**. Unit 112G, followed Suspect Rodriguez onto Tumblewood Drive, and at that point, Deputy Acquilano joined the pursuit.

> **IAB NOTE: Using an Aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy Acquilano marked the approximate area he joined the pursuit with a circle and the words "pursuit start," EXHIBIT F, Acquilano photo A].**

The pursuit continued as Tumblewood Drive curved into Lemonwood Drive. Deputy Acquilano estimated Suspect Rodriguez' speed at fifty miles per hour. Shortly thereafter, the watch commander terminated the pursuit. Air-29 was

overhead and began surveillance mode. The suspect drove in different neighborhoods through the area and, at one point, dropped off a passenger.

IAB NOTE: Using an Aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy Acquilano marked the approximate area the pursuit terminated with a circle and the words "pursuit terminated," EXHIBIT F, Acquilano photo A].

IAB NOTE: During Deputy Acquilano's interview, he referred to Air-29 as "Aero."

Deputy Acquilano participated in surveillance mode and was several streets away from the suspect vehicle. He drove north on 47th Street West just north of Avenue L-4 when Suspect Rodriguez made a sudden turn onto 47th Street West from Avenue L. Suspect Rodriguez drove directly toward Deputy Acquilano, forcing him to pull over to the side of the road **[Refer to Deputy Acquilano's transcripts, page 9]**. Deputy Acquilano allowed Suspect Rodriguez to pass him. He continued participating in surveillance mode, and it eventually took him to Palmdale. Surveillance mode terminated when Suspect Rodriguez fled from her vehicle and ran into the backyard of [redacted] 11th Street West.

IAB Note: Using an aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy Acquilano used a circle and the words "almost collided" to indicate the location Suspect Rodriguez nearly collided with him head-on, EXHIBIT F, Acquilano photo B].

Deputy Acquilano responded to [redacted] 11th Street West. By the time he arrived, Suspect Rodriguez was already detained in the back of a patrol car; he had no contact with her.

EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN THE USE OF FORCE:

Deputy Christopher Schaafsma

On July 16, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Schaafsma. The following is a summary of Deputy Schaafsma's interview.

Deputy Schaafsma was working Unit 263, with Deputy [redacted] They were patrolling the area of 10th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard in Palmdale when they heard a Lancaster unit broadcasting a pursuit of a reckless DUI (Driving Under the Influence) driver over the radio. The pursuit transitioned into surveillance mode and eventually Suspect Rodriguez drove into the Palmdale area and was near BestBuy on 10th Street West (39330 10th Street West, Palmdale). Suspect Rodriguez drove onto Yucca Tree Avenue then onto 11th

Street West. Seconds after hearing the radio traffic, Deputies Schaafsma and [redacted] responded to 11th Street West. As they drove onto 11th Street West, they saw the suspect vehicle parked along the west curb line just south of [redacted] 11th Street West.

> IAB NOTE: **Deputy Schaafsma could not remember the address of the house Suspect Rodriguez parked her vehicle; however, he recognized the front of the house in photograph A [EXHIBIT F, Schaafsma photo A].**

As they got closer to [redacted] 11th Street West, Deputy Schaafsma saw Suspect Rodriguez standing in the carport area. At that time, he did not know the person he saw was Suspect Rodriguez. Once they pulled up to the house, Suspect Rodriguez was no longer in view. Deputy Schaafsma assumed Suspect Rodriguez was in the backyard of the house and this was confirmed when Air-29 broadcasted Suspect Rodriguez' location.

Deputies Schaafsma and [redacted] walked into the backyard through the carport. Deputy Schaafsma saw Suspect Rodriguez running through the backyard toward the southwest portion of the fence. She was approximately ten to fifteen yards from the fence. Deputies Schaafsma and [redacted] ran approximately 40 yards, across the property up to Suspect Rodriguez as she grabbed the fence. Deputy Schaafsma believed Suspect Rodriguez was trying to "jump" the fence to get away. Deputies Schaafsma and [redacted] gave Suspect Rodriguez orders to "stop running." Deputy Schaafsma also ordered Suspect Rodriguez to, "Get on the ground, face down" **[Refer to Deputy Schaafsma's transcripts, page 13]**.

> IAB NOTE: **Using an aerial photograph of the backyard of [redacted] 11th Street West, Palmdale, provided during the interview, Deputy Schaafsma placed an "X" in the area where Suspect Rodriguez was attempting to climb the fence [EXHIBIT F, Schaafsma photo B.**

Suspect Rodriguez did not respond to Deputy Schaafsma's orders. Deputy Schaafsma remembered yelling his orders as loud as he could and believed Suspect Rodriguez could hear him despite the sound of the helicopter in the background. Deputy Schaafsma grabbed Suspect Rodriguez by both arms simultaneously near her biceps. Suspect Rodriguez refused to release her grip on the fence. Deputy Schaafsma pulled Suspect Rodriguez backward two or three times in order to get her off of the fence **[Refer to Deputy Schaafsma's transcripts, page 19]**.

After Suspect Rodriguez was off of the fence, she continued to pull away from Deputy Schaafsma by forcing her body forward and moving her feet. Deputy Schaafsma still had his aforementioned grip on Suspect Rodriguez' arms. Deputy Schaafsma ordered Suspect Rodriguez to "stop resisting." His orders were to no avail. Deputy Schaafsma twisted his body at the hips and applied downward force on Suspect Rodriguez' arms causing her to fall to the ground. Deputy Schaafsma kept his grip on Suspect Rodriguez' arms, slowing her fall, as she landed face down on the ground **[Refer to Deputy Schaafsma's transcripts, Page 22]**.

Once Suspect Rodriguez was on the ground, Deputy Schaafsma knelt down on his knees on the right side of Suspect Rodriguez. Deputy Schaafsma lost control of Suspect Rodriguez' left arm and had difficulty regaining control of the free arm as Suspect Rodriguez swung it around. Deputy [redacted] was now on Suspect Rodriguez' left side and had one of his knees placed on her back.

Deputy Schaafsma had control of Suspect Rodriguez' right arm and Suspect Rodriguez was swinging her left arm **[Refer to Deputy Schaafsma's transcripts, page 28]**. As Suspect Rodriguez swung her arm around, she hit Deputy [redacted] in the groin area causing him to make a "grimacing" face **[Refer to Deputy Schaafsma's transcripts, page 29]**. Deputy Schaafsma saw Deputy [redacted] punch Suspect Rodriguez one time on the right side of her face. Suspect Rodriguez stopped swinging her arms and Deputy [redacted] was able to grab Suspect Rodriguez' arm and place it behind her back. Deputy Schaafsma subsequently handcuffed Suspect Rodriguez. Suspect Rodriguez became compliant after she was handcuffed.

After Suspect Rodriguez was handcuffed, two deputies from Lancaster Station approached Suspect Rodriguez and assisted her to her feet, and escorted her out of the backyard. Deputy Schaafsma remained in the backyard. He did not hear Suspect Rodriguez complain of pain during or after the force.

Deputy [redacted]

On July 30, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy [redacted] The following is a summary of Deputy [redacted] interview.

Deputy [redacted] was working Unit 263 with Deputy Schaafsma. They were at 10th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard when they heard emergent radio traffic regarding Lancaster deputies in pursuit of a reckless DUI. Eventually, the suspect vehicle made it to the general area Deputies [redacted] and Schaafsma were patrolling and drove passed them at a high rate of speed toward the BestBuy parking lot. They drove toward the BestBuy parking lot but did not see the suspect vehicle.

Suspect Rodriguez eventually drove into a neighborhood off of 11th Street West, and Air-29 was able to guide Deputies [redacted] and Schaafsma to her. Deputy [redacted] stated he passed by Suspect Rodriguez' vehicle; however, he did not see her. He noticed her vehicle parked just south of [redacted] 11th Street West. Deputy [redacted] parked his patrol vehicle and heard Air-29 broadcast over the radio Suspect Rodriguez had entered the backyard of [redacted] 11th Street West.

Deputy Schaafsma exited the patrol vehicle and ran up the driveway toward the carport and Deputy [redacted] followed. They entered the backyard through the carport and saw Suspect Rodriguez running southwest across the backyard toward the fence; she was approximately fifty yards away. Deputies [redacted] and Schaafsma both yelled at Suspect Rodriguez, giving her orders to "stop running and lay on the ground." When Suspect Rodriguez reached the fence, she began to try and climb over it. Deputy Schaafsma ran toward Suspect Rodriguez and Deputy [redacted] followed him **[Refer to Deputy [redacted] transcripts, page 13]**.

Deputy Schaafsma reached Suspect Rodriguez first. Suspect Rodriguez refused to comply with their orders **[Refer to Deputy [redacted] transcripts, page 16]**. Suspect Rodriguez had both of her hands on the fence and both of her feet were inside the loops of the fence. Deputy Schaafsma grabbed Suspect Rodriguez' left shoulder with his left hand and the clothes of Suspect Rodriguez' mid-back with his right hand. Deputy Schaafsma pulled Suspect Rodriguez off of the fence using a "jerking motion" **[Refer to Deputy [redacted] IAB transcripts, page 19]**. Once Suspect Rodriguez was off of the fence, she began pulling away from Deputy Schaafsma. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy Schaafsma twist his hips, turn his body, and "swing" Suspect Rodriguez, taking her down to the ground **[Refer to Deputy [redacted] transcripts, page 20]**.

IAB NOTE: Using an aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy [redacted] marked Suspect Rodriguez' approximate location on the fence with a circle with an "S," and the route he took to get to Suspect Rodriguez with a red line, EXHIBIT F, Rodriguez, photo A].

While on the ground, Suspect Rodriguez swung her arms around and kicked her legs. Deputy [redacted] knelt down on Suspect Rodriguez' right side and placed his right knee on Suspect Rodriguez' right shoulder and used his bodyweight to hold Suspect Rodriguez on the ground. Deputy Schaafsma was on Suspect Rodriguez' left side and had both of his hands on Suspect Rodriguez' left arm; he was trying to move her left arm behind her back. Suspect Rodriguez continued to swing her right arm around and eventually hit and grabbed Deputy [redacted] genitals. Deputy [redacted] felt discomfort in his genital area as Suspect Rodriguez grabbed him. Deputy [redacted] punched Suspect Rodriguez one time in the face with his right fist to stop her assault. After Deputy [redacted]

punched Suspect Rodriguez, she immediately stopped resisting and tensing her muscles. Deputy [redacted] was able to grab her right hand and hold it against her lower back. Deputy Schaafsma subsequently handcuffed Suspect Rodriguez.

Deputy Garay along with another male deputy arrived, helped Suspect Rodriguez to her feet, and escorted her out of the backyard. Suspect Rodriguez was now cooperative. Deputy [redacted] did not see any injuries on Suspect Rodriguez before or after the force incident.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Sergeant Maurice Austin

On July 16, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Sergeant Maurice Austin. The following is a summary of Sergeant Austin's interview.

He was the field supervisor working Unit 110S during the pursuit. Sergeant Austin was in the mid-city area of Lancaster when he overheard deputies engaging in a pursuit of a reckless DUI driver. He tried to catch up to the pursuit; however, it was terminated before he arrived.

Air-29 went into surveillance mode and Sergeant Austin parked his vehicle near the intersection of 42nd Street West and Avenue L. Suspect Rodriguez had been circling the area and he was waiting for an opportunity to deploy his spike strips **[Refer to Sergeant Austin's transcripts, page 4]**. Sergeant Austin did not remember any of the deputies entering the neighborhoods at that time. From his recollection, the deputies involved in surveillance mode remained outside the neighborhoods as Suspect Rodriguez continued driving.

Surveillance mode lasted approximately ten minutes and ended when Suspect Rodriguez exited her vehicle near 11th Street East and Palmdale Boulevard. Sergeant Austin responded to the location where Suspect Rodriguez was detained and conducted a force investigation. He took photos, attempted to locate witnesses, and spoke to the involved deputies who reported their force to him. He also interviewed Suspect Rodriguez, who told him she drank alcohol and smoked methamphetamine earlier in the day. When she tried to climb a fence to escape, deputies slammed her to the ground and punched her.

> **IAB NOTE: Sergeant Austin confused the street names during his IAB interview. He stated Suspect Rodriguez exited her vehicle near 11th Street East when, in fact, it was 11th Street West.**

Suspect Rodriguez was transported to the hospital where it was discovered she sustained a fractured elbow. Sergeant Austin subsequently notified IAB.

Lieutenant Richard Cartmill

On July 16, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Lieutenant Richard Cartmill. The following is a summary of Lieutenant Cartmill's interview.

Lieutenant Cartmill was the on-duty watch commander during the pursuit. Lieutenant Cartmill was in the watch commander's office when he heard radio traffic stating deputies were involved in a pursuit. He immediately responded to the dispatch area where he established cold-line communications with the Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC).

Lieutenant Cartmill managed the pursuit by listening to the radio traffic and requesting updates from the involved personnel as the pursuit continued. The pursuit went into a residential neighborhood and the speeds were over fifty miles per hour. Lieutenant Cartmill terminated the pursuit due to the speed of the pursuit and his concern for public safety **[Refer to Lieutenant Cartmill's transcripts, page 5]**.

A few seconds after the pursuit was canceled, Air-29 advised they were overhead and Lieutenant Cartmill authorized them to go into surveillance mode. During surveillance mode, Suspect Rodriguez was "zig-zagging" in a generally eastbound direction on different streets. At one point, Suspect Rodriguez happened upon a deputy going the opposite direction **[Refer to Lieutenant Cartmill's transcripts, page 7]**.

IAB Note: Lieutenant Cartmill referred to Air-29 as "Aero" during his interview.

Lieutenant Cartmill did not authorize deputies to reengage in pursuit because he felt it would "exasperate" the situation. His plan was to see if the California Highway Patrol (CHP) could respond and take over the pursuit **[Refer to Lieutenant Cartmill's transcripts, page 7]**.

Surveillance mode ended when Suspect Rodriguez abandoned and fled her vehicle in a residential neighborhood in Palmdale. Palmdale deputies were nearby and converged on Suspect Rodriguez. A use of force occurred and Lieutenant Cartmill was notified Suspect Rodriguez may have sustained a broken bone. Lieutenant Cartmill was not able to confirm this as Suspect Rodriguez had not been medically cleared by the time his shift ended. He relayed the information to his relief, Sergeant Frank Arcidiacono, #[redacted] who interviewed Suspect Rodriguez. Lieutenant Cartmill completed a County of Los Angeles, Sheriff's Department, Pursuit Evaluation **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

Deputy Tanner Harris

On September 9, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Harris. The following is a summary of Deputy Harris' interview.

Deputy Harris was working Unit 111A on the day of the pursuit. He was not part of the pursuit but was in the area during surveillance mode. Deputy Harris was in the area of 10th Street West and Technology Drive in Palmdale when he heard Suspect Rodriguez had fled her vehicle. He responded to [redacted] 11th Street West and arrived at approximately the same time as Deputies Garay and Granados.

Deputy Harris exited his vehicle and walked over to the field where Suspect Rodriguez was being detained. Deputy Granados remained in the front of the location. Deputy Harris saw Deputies [redacted] and Deputy Schaafsma detaining Suspect Rodriguez. Suspect Rodriguez was face down and Deputy [redacted] was near her putting out radio traffic. Deputy [redacted] possibly had one hand rested on Suspect Rodriguez' back. Deputy Schaafsma was near Suspect Rodriguez' leg and possibly had a knee or hand rested on the back of one of her legs. Deputy Harris did not remember their exact positions **[Refer to Deputy Harris' transcripts, page 10]**. Suspect Rodriguez appeared to be handcuffed and was not resisting the deputies.

> **IAB NOTE: Using an aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy Harris used an "X" to mark Suspect Rodriguez' approximate location when he first entered the backyard, EXHIBIT F, Harris photo B.**

Deputies Harris and Garay climbed over a fence and entered the backyard, joining Deputies [redacted] and Schaafsma. Deputy [redacted] helped Suspect Rodriguez to her feet and Deputy Harris escorted Suspect Rodriguez to a patrol vehicle. Suspect Rodriguez remained outside the patrol vehicle with a Palmdale Station deputy awaiting the arrival of a female deputy.

Deputy Michael Coberg

On October 7, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Coberg. The following is a summary of Deputy Coberg's interview.

Deputy Coberg was working Air-29 on the day of the pursuit. He was the tactical flight deputy and was responsible for assisting ground units. In his role, he is to take control of tactical communications to coordinate units during containments and pursuits **[Refer to Deputy Coberg's transcripts, page 3]**.

Deputy Coberg and his partner, Pilot Deputy Dailey, responded to a pursuit in Lancaster. The pursuit was cancelled and transitioned into surveillance mode. During surveillance mode, Suspect Rodriguez was driving aggressively. At times, her speeds exceeded one hundred miles per hour. Deputy Coberg was able to estimate Suspect Rodriguez' speed through the helicopter's Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment. He remembered surveillance mode lasting about eight minutes; ending when Suspect Rodriguez fled her vehicle on a side street.

Suspect Rodriguez ran into the backyard of a house. Deputy Coberg did not watch her the entire time as he had to coordinate units to the area. He believed Suspect Rodriguez tried to climb over a fence but he was unsure. He was also making his observations from four hundred feet in the air, and was not using binoculars at the time; therefore, his view was limited **[Refer to Deputy Coberg's transcripts, page 7]**. When deputies made contact with Suspect Rodriguez, she was on the ground possibly being handcuffed. Deputy Coberg was unsure how Suspect Rodriguez ended up on the ground. He did not see deputies escort Suspect Rodriguez out of the backyard. Deputies Coberg and Dailey left shortly after Suspect Rodriguez was detained.

IAB NOTE: Using an aerial photo provided during the interview, Deputy Coberg marked Suspect Rodriguez approximate location with a circle, EXHIBIT F, Coberg photo A].

Deputy Kenneth Dailey

On October 7, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Dailey. The following is a summary of Deputy Dailey's interview.

Deputy Dailey was working as the pilot of Unit Air-29 on the day of the pursuit. Lancaster deputies working in the vicinity of the Quartz Hill area, initiated a pursuit. The pursuit traversed south and ended in Palmdale. During the pursuit, Suspect Rodriguez was driving recklessly, but Deputy Dailey could not remember any significant events.

At the end of the pursuit, Suspect Rodriguez exited her vehicle, and Deputy Coberg signaled Deputy Dailey to maintain an orbit. Deputy Dailey did not remember if the pursuit was in surveillance mode due to the multiple air traffic frequencies he was listening to. Deputy Dailey had a limited view of what was going on outside the aircraft and merely saw portions of the property from his vantage point.

Deputy Claudia Herrera

On December 3, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy Herrera. The following is a summary of Deputy Herrera's interview.

Deputy Herrera was working Unit 111T1 on April 22, 2019. She overheard a pursuit of a reckless DUI broadcasted on the radio by Deputies Garay and Granados. While responding to the pursuit, it was canceled by the watch commander. The pursuit went into surveillance mode which ended in Palmdale. Suspect Rodriguez was apprehended at a residence on the west side of Palmdale and Deputy Herrera responded to that residence to assist.

> **IAB NOTE: Deputy Herrera did not remember the address she responded to in Palmdale. She merely remembered it was a residence on the west side of Palmdale.**

When Deputy Herrera arrived, she contacted Deputies Garay and Granados and was tasked with conducting a DUI investigation on Suspect Rodriguez. When Deputy Herrera spoke to Suspect Rodriguez, she admitting to drinking a Mike's Hard Lemonade and ingesting methamphetamine that morning. Suspect Rodriguez seemed to be "out of it" and in a haze. Suspect Rodriguez was also mumbling incoherently and did not answer all of Deputy Herrera's questions **[Refer to Deputy Herrera's transcripts, page 9]**. Deputy Herrera noted the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Suspect Rodriguez' breath and attempted to conduct several field sobriety tests; however, Suspect Rodriguez looked down and would not participate. Suspect Rodriguez closed her eyes during the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test and her eyes did not have any reaction to light. Deputy Herrera saw Suspect Rodriguez displayed eyelid tremors and had an elevated pulse, indicative of someone possibly being under the influence of a stimulant.

Deputy Herrera used a Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device to detect the amount of alcohol in Suspect Rodriguez' blood. Suspect Rodriguez blew into the PAS device and two readings of .010% and .008% were obtained. This was below the legal driving limit of .08%.

Deputy Herrera made the determination Suspect Rodriguez was under the combined influence of a stimulant and alcohol and arrested her for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Drugs. Deputy Herrera also believed Suspect Rodriguez was addicted to methamphetamine based on Suspect Rodriguez' admission of using methamphetamine on a regular basis. Deputy Herrera believed Suspect Rodriguez did not display all of the objective symptoms of being under the influence of a stimulant because addicts, sometimes, do not display every symptom **[Refer to Deputy Herrera's transcripts, page 12]**.

IAB NOTE: Page three of Deputy Herrera's DUI report was unintentionally duplicated onto page four and was missing vital information. She submitted a supplemental report to correct the error.

Deputy Herrera did not use or witness force.

NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES:

Witness [redacted]

On April 22, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] The following is a summary of Witness [redacted] interview.

Witness [redacted] was in her home when she heard the sounds of sirens coming from the north and the south. She looked out her front window and saw approximately thirteen patrol vehicles in the street in front of her house. She could not see everything due to a row of manzanita trees in her front yard obstructing her view. She eventually went out into her front yard and saw a male deputy escorting Suspect Rodriguez to a patrol vehicle. Suspect Rodriguez was walking on her own as the deputy escorted her.

Witness [redacted]

On June 4, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] The following is a summary of Witness [redacted] interview.

Witness [redacted] was at his home with his wife, [redacted] and his [redacted] when they heard the sound of a helicopter. Witness [redacted] noticed the deputies going into his backyard. When he looked into the backyard he saw Suspect Rodriguez on the ground and the deputies handcuffing her. The deputies helped Suspect Rodriguez to her feet and escorted her to the front of the house. Witness [redacted] saw the paramedics arrive a short time later. The [redacted] went into a bedroom and had the blinds closed; they did not see what happened. [redacted] was in the living room watching television and also, did not see what happened.

Suspect Vanessa Rodriguez

Sergeants Austin and Arcidiacono both conducted video recorded interviews with Suspect Rodriguez. Their interviews were placed on a DVD-R and combined into one exhibit, **[EXHIBIT G]**.

Field Sergeant Interview Conducted By Sergeant Maurice Austin

On April 22, 2019, Sergeant Austin interviewed Suspect Rodriguez on video **[EXHIBIT G]**. Suspect Rodriguez stated she was running. Deputies told her to "stop running and "get on the floor." They grabbed her, swung her onto the ground and "socked" her three times. They shoved her face in the ground and told her to "Shut the fuck up bitch!" A deputy shoved a knee into her back causing her to void her bladder. Suspect Rodriguez complained of pain to her right elbow, the left side of her head above her temple, her jaw, and her lip. Suspect Rodriguez admitted to drinking alcohol and using methamphetamine.

Watch Commander's Interview Conducted by Sergeant Frank Arcidiacono

On April 23, 2019, Sergeant Arcidiacono, working in the capacity of watch commander, interviewed Suspect Rodriguez on video **[EXHIBIT G]**. Suspect Rodriguez stated deputies tried to pull her over and she ended up in a "highway pursuit." In Palmdale, she exited her vehicle and ran. There were two male deputies behind her telling her to "stop." She stopped and held onto a gate. The deputies told her to "Get on the fucking floor!" They grabbed her and threw on the floor. She told them she was not resisting and they responded by saying, "Shut the fuck up bitch!" and "socked" her twice in the face. One of the deputies had his knee in her back and she "bucked up" because she could not breathe. She said she was punched prior to bucking up. Suspect Rodriguez stated she had a bump under on the left side of her head under her hair. Sergeant Arcidiacono noted visible scratches on Suspect Rodriguez' chin and the reported fracture to her arm. Suspect Rodriguez denied "pinching" Deputy [redacted] genitals.

IAB Interview

On April 23, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Suspect Rodriguez. The following is a summary of Suspect Rodriguez' interview.

Suspect Rodriguez said she ingested methamphetamine that morning and drank one half of a bottle of "Mike's Hard Liquor." She was outside a liquor store on 20th Street West when she saw the deputies. Suspect Rodriguez saw the patrol vehicle lights go on behind her and immediately "freaked out." She knew she had a warrant for absconding, after she failed to check in with her parole officer. Suspect Rodriguez claimed she was in jail for an aggregate 16 years of her life and did not want to go back to jail.

Suspect Rodriguez did everything she could to get away. She ran red lights, drove on the opposite side of the road, honked her horn, screamed at people to "get out of the way," and moved "in and out of people" [weaved through traffic], to get away **[Refer to Suspect Rodriguez' transcripts, page 33]**. More and more deputies kept coming and at one point, "played chicken" with her. As she fled

from law enforcement, she pulled over and let her friend [redacted] out of the vehicle.

IAB Note: "Playing chicken" is a scenario where two cars purposefully travel toward each other head-on until one car concedes by making an evasive turning maneuver to avoid collision.

At one point, Suspect Rodriguez exited her vehicle and ran **[Refer to Suspect Rodriguez' transcripts, page 10]**. She ran into the backyard of a residence and saw she could not get over a wall so she grabbed a chain-link fence. One of the deputies behind her grabbed her by the arm or head and flung her to the ground. She landed with her face down in the dirt. The deputies were "on" her telling her, "Don't fuckin' move!" They were pulling on her arms behind her back and raising them upward toward her head. Suspect Rodriguez felt something pop, and she could not move her hand **[Refer to Suspect Rodriguez' transcripts, pages 20-21]**.

While on the ground, someone "kneed" her in the back and she "pissed her pants" **[Refer to Suspect Rodriguez' transcripts, page 51]**. One of the deputies threw himself on her and said, "Shut the fuck up" three times as she was telling him she couldn't breathe **[Refer to Suspect Rodriguez' transcripts, page 55]**. She was on the ground for ten to fifteen seconds. Deputies subsequently picked her up and laid her in the back seat of a patrol vehicle. Soon after she was taken to the hospital for medical treatment. Suspect Rodriguez was unable to see the deputies due to dirt and her hair being in her face. She denied assaulting deputies and grabbing Deputy [redacted] genitals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 7, 2019, [redacted] the resident where the pursuit terminated, contacted the assigned IAB investigator. She stated associates of Suspect Rodriguez were contacting them and demanding they make statements beneficial to Suspect Rodriguez. She told the IAB investigator to not contact her or her family, and further stated they were moving away because of the incident. This information was forwarded to the criminal investigator, Detective Sergeant Troy Bowser from Lancaster Station via email.

[redacted] was the passenger in the suspect vehicle. On October 9, 2019, the assigned IAB investigator phoned [redacted] only to find out her phone number was disconnected. On October 10, 2019, IAB investigators attempted to contact Ms. Allen at her residence. A male spoke to IAB investigators through the closed front door. He confirmed [redacted] lived there; however, she was not at home. He would not open the door. Also, on October, 10, 2019, the assigned IAB investigator sent a witness letter to [redacted] via certified mail requesting an interview. She has not responded to the letter **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

On December 30, 2019, the assigned IAB investigator received Suspect Rodriguez' toxicology report from Scientific Services Bureau. The report indicated Suspect Rodriguez' blood tested positive for amphetamines and methamphetamines see **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.